

Perth Common Good Fund Committee – 3 October 2012**APPLICATION TO FLY BLIMP ON NORTH INCH, PERTH****Report by Depute Director (Environment)****ABSTRACT**

The report asks the Committee to consider and determine an application from Gask and Strathearn Protection Society, a local environmental group, to fly a gas filled blimp (balloon) at a height marker at around 80-90m on the North Inch, Perth to raise public awareness of the height of proposed wind turbines in the Strathearn Valley.

1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Perth Common Good Fund Committee consider and determine an application received from Gask and Strathearn Protection Society to fly a gas filled blimp on the North Inch, Perth on Saturday 20 October 2012.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 An application has been received from the Gask and Strathearn Protection Society (GASPS) to fly a gas filled blimp on the North Inch, Perth on Saturday 20 October 2012 between 8.30am and 5.00pm. The Society is an environmental group which seeks to raise public awareness of the height of proposed wind turbines in the Strathearn Valley. The event application and accompanying letter from GASPS are appended to this report (Appendix 1).
- 2.2 In terms of the Council's Scheme of Administration, it is referred to the Common Good Fund Committee(s) to determine all matters relating to property or land or other assets held by the Common Good Funds. As the North Inch is Common Good land it is considered appropriate that the Committee determine the application.

3. EVENT PRACTICALITY

- 3.1 The Environment Service has assessed the application and has confirmed that the blimp could be assembled and flown on the North Inch safely without causing an obstruction to local users. Prior to the event, a full risk assessment and safety check would be completed if the application is approved.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 There has been no consultation in the preparation of this report.

5. PROPOSAL

- 5.1 The Committee is requested to consider the application received from Gask and Strathearn Protection Society.

6. RESOURCES

- 6.1 There are no resource implications arising directly from the proposals contained in this report.

7. COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN OBJECTIVES 2009 - 2012

- 7.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2009-2012 lays out five Objectives which provide clear strategic direction, informs decisions at a corporate and service level and shape resources allocation. They are as follows:-

- (i) A Safe, Secure and Welcoming Environment
- (ii) Healthy, Caring Communities
- (iii) A Prosperous, Sustainable and Inclusive Economy
- (iv) Educated, Responsible and Informed Citizens
- (v) Confident, Active and Inclusive Communities

- 7.2 The proposals in this report do not specifically relate to any of the objectives.

8. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EqIA)

- 8.1 An equality impact assessment needs to be carried out for functions, policies, procedures or strategies in relation to race, gender and disability and other relevant protected characteristics. This supports the Council's legal requirement to comply with the duty to assess and consult on relevant new and existing policies.

- 8.2 The function, policy, procedure or strategy presented in this report was considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome: No further action is required as the items summarised in the committee report do not require further assessment as they do not have an impact on people's wellbeing or equality protected characteristics other than improving access to social activities and all the benefits this brings to everyone.

9. STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

- 9.1 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a legal requirement under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that applies to all qualifying plans, programmes and strategies, including policies (PPS). The matters presented in this report were considered under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 and no further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

10. CONCLUSION

- 10.1 The Committee is asked to consider and determine an application received from Gask and Strathearn Protection Society to fly a gas filled blimp on the North Inch, Perth which is Common Good land.

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28 September 2012

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GASPS

Gask and Strathearn Protection Society

Newmiln House Tibbermore Perth PH1 1QN

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Ms Alison White
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Parks, Facilities & Events Co-ordinator
The Environment Service
Community Greenspace
Pullar House
35 Kinnoull Street
Perth, PH1 5GD

20th August 2012

Dear Ms White

North Inch Event Saturday 20th October 2012

Thank you for providing us with an application form and your conditions of hire.

We return the completed application form as required.

We are an environmental group engaging with a proposal for a wind farm in the Strathearn valley and we wish to demonstrate to as wide an audience as possible the scale of the proposed turbines.

Flying a blimp as a height marker is an appropriate way of doing this.

This is not a protest or a demonstration and has no political agenda of any kind and is merely a way of providing information in an understandable way to the wider community.

We look forward to receiving your permission at an early date.

Yours faithfully

Brian Simpson
Gask and Strathearn Protection Society



Parks & Open Spaces Events Application

Complete fully in BLOCK CAPITALS.

1 Organiser Details

Your Name:	Brian Simpson		
Organisation/Group:	Gask and Strathearn Protection Society		
Day Tel:	01738 730 264	Evening Tel:	
Your Address:	Newmiln House Tibbermore Perth		
Postcode:	PH1 1QN	Email:	brian.simpson26@btopenworld.com

2 Event Details

Event Title:	Blimp flight		
Park Required:	North Inch		
Date(s) of Event:	20 th October 2012	Date(s) to set up:	20 th October 2012
Date Leaving Site:	20 th October 2012	Event time from:	08.30 To: 17.00

3 Nature of the Event

Please tick relevant boxes:

Car Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fireworks	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sport Event	<input type="checkbox"/>
Circus	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fun Day	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religious	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vehicle Rally	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fairground	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sponsored Walk/Run	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other:	Providing information				

4 Charity Fundraising

Are you collecting for a charity and donating all funds?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Details:	Charity Number:	

5 Admission Fees

If you are charging an admission fee, please state amount:							
£	Adults	£	Juniors	£	Seniors	£	Other
£	Car	£	Programme				

6 Public Entertainment Licence

Under Section 41 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, where members of the public attending an event are required to pay an admission, the Event Organisers must obtain a Public Entertainments Licence from the Local Authority. Under Section 7 of the 1982 Act, "It is an offence to promote an event without a Licence in circumstances where a Licence is required"

For all Events or if you have planning on having market stalls, please contact the Licence Section of Corporate Services' Legal Division for advice and an application form (if required) – Telephone: 01738 475166

Have you contacted the Licence Section? Yes No

Note for Applicants
Application for a licence should be made at least **six weeks in advance** of the desired date on which the licence is to commence.

7 Expected Attendees

Anticipated maximum daily attendance (please tick appropriate box)

1 - 100 100 - 500 1000 – 2000 2000 – 3000 3000+

Other (please specify)

8 Target Audience

Who is the target audience for the event (eg families, age group)? All ages

9 Publicity

Courtesy of Perth & Kinross Council, your event will automatically be advertised on www.pkc.gov.uk

Please provide your website address: Do not have one

10 Noise

Will there be any items/equipment at your event that will generate noise? Yes No

If yes, please provide details:

10 Continued:

Will you be using a Public Address system?

Yes No

Please give contact details of a responsible person who will attend the event, and can be called if there are any noise issues:

An Environmental Health Officer will be able to advise you of a suitable sound level for your event and location.

11 Raised Structures

Will there be any elevated platforms, staging, scaffolding or other structures/apparatus at the event?

Yes No

If yes, please give details:

*It is advisable that any structures used for your event are inspected prior to the Event.
Please contact Building Standards, The Environment Service on 01738 475300*

12 Emergency Services

Will you be notifying emergency services?

Yes No

Tayside Police Tayside Fire & Rescue Ambulance Service

Other: *your advice please*

13 Site Vehicles

Will you require vehicles on site?

Yes No

Please give details of onsite management of vehicles: *2 four wheel drive vehicles and a trailer*

14 Car Parking & Road Closures

Please give details of any car parking arrangements and suspension of parking bays if required.

Proposed Road Closure

Road

Duration of Closure

Date From:

Date To:

Time From:

Time To:

Please note a minimum of six to eight weeks notice is necessary in all case and at least 3 months notice is required where there are major implications for road closures and diversions

15 Event Particulars

Fireworks and Pyrotechnics

Will you be using lasers or pyrotechnics/fireworks at the event?

Yes No

If yes, please provide details:

Temporary Signage

Will you be locating any signage to the event?

Yes No

If yes, please provide details including who will be responsible for their placing and removal:

Stalls

Will there be any stalls and/or sellers at your event?

Yes No

If yes, please provide details:

Waste Collection

Please give details of how generated waste will be managed, i.e. collected, transported, recycled and disposed of: **Not applicable**

Perth & Kinross Council offers a comprehensive range of waste management and recycling services for your event. For full details of the range of services available phone The Environment Service on 01738 475000 or email recycle@pkc.gov.uk

16 Sanitary Facilities

Do you need portable toilets?

Yes No

Please give details of all sanitary facility arrangements for the event, ie able and special need toilets, washing facilities, sewage disposal etc:

Perth & Kinross Council has entered into partnership with a local provider to supply short term hire of mobile toilets. If your organisation is holding a free community event at a venue that does not have access to public toilets you may be eligible for free portable toilets under this scheme. To apply, you can either download an application form from www.pkc.gov.uk or contact The Environment Service on 01738 475000 who can also offer advice.

Please note: application for free portable toilets must be made no less than **one calendar month** before the event.

17 First Aid

What facilities will be provided for first aid? **Not applicable**

An important part of any event is the adequate provision of first aid. St Andrews Ambulance or the British Red Cross can assist in deciding the level of provision appropriate for your event.

18 Disabled Access

Have you made provision to ensure access for disabled people? Yes No

Please provide details:

19 Public Liability Insurance

The Event Organiser must provide **£5 million** third party liability cover.

A copy of the insurance certificate must be provided before the event takes place, otherwise permission for the event will not be given. However, it is not essential it is included with the application at this stage.

Copy of Insurance Certificate enclosed? Yes No

20 Electrical Supply

Will your event require electricity supply? Yes No

If yes, please give details

You should ensure that a qualified electrician manages the electricity of your event. It is also advisable to have a contingency plan for wet weather.

21 Food and Beverages

If hot/cold food or drink is to be supplied, please state the company names of all caterers attending, and which local authority they are registered with

Name: _____ Local Authority: _____

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If a licensed bar is to be operated, please supply name and address of Licensee

Name: _____ Address: _____

Tel No: _____

22 Risk Assessment

In order to abide by the Conditions of Let for the Use of Council Parks and Green Spaces, and as part of your preparations, a risk assessment for all event activities must be carried out and forwarded along with this application form.

Date of Risk Assessment: _____ Risk Assessment Attached? Yes No

Other: _____

Declaration

I have read, understood and agree to the Conditions of Hire relating to the use of land under the control of Perth & Kinross Council's Environment Service. I confirm the information given on this form is to the best of my knowledge true and accurate. I hereby apply for the use of the site on the date(s) indicated, and agree to comply with the directions of The Environment Service or its representatives

Signed: _____ Date **20th August 2012**

Print Name: **Brian Simpson** Position: **Chairman**

The completion of this form **does not** constitute a booking confirmation. You must ensure that Perth & Kinross Council's permission is gained before proceeding with your event.

Please ensure that you also sign and date the 'Parks and Open Spaces Conditions of Hire', returning a copy with this application form.

Please ensure you send the following information along with your application form:

Signed copy of Parks and Open Spaces Conditions of Hire

Proof of Public Liability Insurance cover for the event

Risk Assessment of all event activities

Please return your application and accompanying information to:

**Parks Events
Community Greenspace
The Environment Service
Pullar House
35 Kinnoull Street
Perth
PH1 5GD**

parkevents@pkc.gov.uk